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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicant hereby appeals to the Patent and Trademark Office Board of Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated December 31, 2004, wherein claims 12-18, 20-23 have been finally rejected. The item(s) checked below are appropriate: Attached hereto is a petition for an extension of time for an additional ____ month(s) to respond to the final rejection dated 2._x___ A timely response to the final rejection has been filed, as provided in 841 O.G. 1411. 3. X Fee - \$330.00 (\$165.00 SMALL ENTITY)

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